

**DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD**

ITEM NO. 19

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October 20, 2015

Honorable Town Council
Town of West Hartford
50 South Main Street
West Hartford, CT 06107

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SUBJECT: 527 Prospect Avenue – SDD #123-R1-15

Dear Councilors:

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At its meetings held on Wednesday, October 7, 2015, the West Hartford Design Review Advisory Committee gave consideration to the following item:

527 Prospect Avenue – Application (SDD #123-R1-15) on behalf of 527 Prospect, LLC, the owner of the property known as 527 Prospect Avenue, to amend Special Development District (SDD) #123 by replacing the existing planted landscape screening with a new seven (7') foot tall cedar privacy fence along the westerly property line. (Town Council receipt on August 18, 2015. Town Council public hearing scheduled for October 27, 2015. TPZ receipt on October 5, 2015. DRAC receipt and review on October 7, 2015.)

After a review of the application and its related exhibits and after consideration of staff technical comments, the Design Review Advisory Committee acted by **unanimous vote (5-0)** (Motion/Crosby; Second/Binkhorst) to **RECOMMEND APPROVAL** of the subject application finding it consistent with our Committee's performance criteria.

During its discussion and deliberation on this matter, the Committee made the following specific findings for the Town Council's consideration:

1. The proposed cedar fence should be stained a natural color, not painted, and be installed by a qualified fencing professional.
2. The use of vinyl or other material types should not be permitted for any future fence replacement.

The DRAC members appreciate the opportunity to be an integral part of the review process and thank the Town Council for the opportunity to review and comment on this proposal.

Sincerely,

Todd Dumais
DRAC Secretary

Cc: Ronald Van Winkle, Town Manager Essie Labrot, Town Clerk
Mark McGovern, Director of Community Services Jeffrey Gebrian, DRAC Chairman
Joseph O'Brien, Corporation Counsel

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